

**CITY OF ELK RIVER
SAFETY COMMITTEE
ACCIDENT REVIEW SUMMARY FORM**

NAME (this will not be given to Safety Committee):	DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
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ACCIDENT INFORMATION

DATE (OF ACCIDENT): 3/10/15	TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City Hall	TYPE OF VEHICLE (IF INVOLVED):
INJURY? (YES OR NO) Yes	WORK COMP CLAIM FILED? (YES OR NO) Yes
PROPERTY DAMAGE? (YES OR NO. IF YES, DESCRIBE) No	
NATURE OF ACCIDENT (be specific, include work activity at time of accident): Employee was trimming trees. Saw dust blew into eye. Eye became swollen and red.	
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: Wind	
UNSAFE CONDITIONS:	
ACTION TAKEN: Used eye wash to flush eye. Discussed with the employee to possibility of wearing goggles on a windy day.	

<p>SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (to be filled out by Committee): Lauren Wipper asked Amy Borst if she knew if the employee had been wearing safety glasses. Amy Borst commented that the employee was wearing safety glasses at the time, but the sawdust blew behind the glasses. Steve Benoit asked Amy Borst if the Parks Department also offers goggles as an eyewear option. Amy Borst replied that goggles are now available. Chief Cunningham asked Mike Thiry how Utilities ensures eye safety when tree trimming. Mike Thiry commented that if the employees are just trimming trees they wear safety glasses with side shields, but if their chipping trees they use a face shield. Mike Thiry also stated that the safety glasses are made of a mesh material still allowing sawdust to pass through. Chief Cunningham commented that he understands with googles sometimes there can be condensation, which can distort your view and causes you to constantly have to wipe them off. Joe Pipenhagen stated that he believes the face shield works well for eye safety. Amy Borst did reiterate that they are trying out some goggle options to see how effective they are in comparison. (March 18, 2015 Safety Committee Meeting)</p>
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